

REMARKS

It response to the Final Office Action of 7 February 2005, claims 1, 2, 5 and 13-19 are amended without adding new matter. Claims 1-19 remain pending, with claims 1 and 14 being independent.

We appreciate the Examiner's suggestion of claiming limitations specific to urgency indicators to clarify the meaning thereof. Claims 1, 2, 5, 13 and 14 are accordingly amended to add limitations specific to 'urgency indicators'.

Claims 15-19 are amended to correct typographical error in dependency from claim 14. by reciting 'A processor of' rather than 'A system of'.

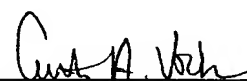
In view of these amendments to independent claims 1 and 14, claims 1-19 are believed to be clearly allowable over the art.

Note in particular that Keckler does not disclose urgency indicators for threads where the urgency indicator is based upon "how well a thread is progressing (or will be progressing) within a pipeline." See paragraph [007] of the specification in support of the above amendments. As argued previously, the priority system of Keckler is not the same as urgency of the immediate application; nonetheless, based on the above amendments, Keckler clearly does not disclose *changing* the priority of a thread, nor changing the priority based upon how well a thread progresses within a pipeline.

Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-19 are thus requested.

It is believed that no fees are due in connection with this amendment. If any additional fee is due, please charge Deposit Account No. 08-2025.

Respectfully submitted,

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